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1. IN MEETING MAY 6 AT SCST WITH YATROV, AYKAZYAN AND
MAL'TSEV, SCICOUNS TRANSMITTED JACKSON LETTER (REFTEL) TO
YATROV (RESPONSE BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL) AND ASKED WHEN
SOVIET RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS WOULD BE READY.

2. YATROV EXCUSED TARDINESS OF REPLY, NOTING THERE WERE
"OBJECTIVE DIFFICULTIES" ON THE SOVIET SIDE AS WELL AS
PERSONAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH HIS WIFE'S ILLNESS. HE
SAID A WRITTEN RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING THIS MONTH, BUT
IN THE MEANTIME, HE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING "PERSONAL
OBSERVATIONS":

--SOVIETS WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS FORECASTS OF US/SOVIET
AND REGIONAL ENERGY BALANCES AFTER USSR 5 YEAR PLAN AP-
PROVED BY SUPREME SOVIET AND US "ENERGY PLAN" APPROVED BY
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CONGRESS;

--SEMINARS ON LONG-RANGE ENERGY POLICIES ARE NOT POSSIBLE
SINCE THIS INFORMATION IS NOT PUBLISHED IN THE USSR.

3. WHEN ASKED TO CLARIFY FIRST POINT, YATROV STATED SOVIETS
CAN ONLY DISCUSS NATIONAL ENERGY PLANS AFTER THEIR APPROVAL

BY THE SUPREME SOVIET; I.E. THEY ARE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE 10TH FIVE YEAR PLAN NOW, AND WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO FOR THE 11TH FIVE YEAR PLAN WHEN THE SUPREME SOVIET APPROVES IT IN 1980. SCICOUNS NOTED THAT US PROPOSALS DO NOT RELATE TO NATIONAL ENERGY LEGISLATION BUT RATHER TO FORECASTS, AND THAT PASSAGE OF ENERGY BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS IS NOT PERTINENT TO THE US PROPOSAL TO THE WG.

4. SCICOUNS REGISTERED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH YATROV'S RESPONSE ON THE SEMINARS, NOTING IT IS NOWHERE STATED THAT BILATERAL COOPERATION MUST PROCEED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF PUBLISHED INFORMATION. THE MHD PROJECT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A SUCCESS PRECISELY BECAUSE IT INVOLVES EXCHANGE OF UNPUBLISHED DATA. IN THE LONG EXCHANGE THAT FOLLOWED, YATROV STATED SEVERAL TIMES "WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION" AND ASKED FOR "PATIENCE" BY THE US. HE APPEARED GENUINELY PAINED AND EMBARRASSED TO HAVE SO NEGATING RESPONSE TO THE US PROPOSALS AND MOST ANXIOUS THAT OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE WG NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE SOVIET REPLY.

5. SCICOUNS WOULD APPRECIATE DISCUSSING FOREGOING WITH DAS JACKSON AND HILL DURING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS MAY 8-19. TOON

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